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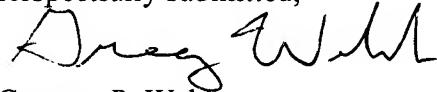
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants' representative contacted Examiner Blanco via telephone on January 11, 2011 to check on the status of this case. On January 12, 2011, Examiner Blanco called back. Applicants' representative indicated that he issued a Notice of Allowance back in October of 2011. However, Applicants had not yet received the Notice of Allowance and the issuance of the Notice of Allowance did not appear in PAIR. Accordingly, Examiner Blanco indicated that he would check on the status of the case within the PTO. On January 13, 2011, Examiner Blanco again called Applicants' representative after talking with the person in the Reissue group within the PTO handling this case and informed Applicants' representative that the Notice of Allowance would be issuing shortly. Accordingly, Applicants look forward to receiving the formal Notice of Allowance. Applicants appreciate Examiner Blanco looking into this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

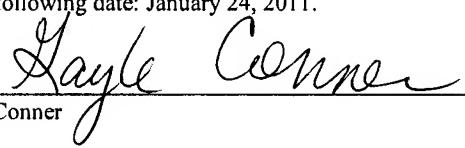


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